

## CASTLES IN SPAIN.

The King he hath pearls from the ocean,  
And diamonds dig deep in the mine,  
His nobles attest their devotion,  
And yet the King's wealth can't allure me,  
To me all his splendor is vain;  
I've got what no king can secure me—  
My beautiful castles in Spain.

No hand laid their lordly foundations,  
Or reared up their towers so high,  
And yet their arches gleam so bright;  
Their turrets like silver are gleaming,  
Their casements look out o'er the main,  
I see them so oft when I'm dreaming—  
My beautiful castles in Spain.

They're mine, but I've not crossed their por-tals.  
To all the great world they're unknown,  
Their beauty might dazzle all mortals—  
I've seen them, and seen them alone.  
And though I be poor and dejected,  
I know I shall see them again;  
Their tints from the night reflected—  
My beautiful castles in Spain.

—(Philadelphia News.)

## PAID FOR BY THE MILE.

An Editor's Novel Bargain With a Maga-zine Contributor.

"How much do you pay for such a story?" asked a young writer of a well-known magazine editor the other day.  
"Let me see your manuscript."

The young man produced his roll and submitted it to the editor.

"You write a rather fine hand and therefore I will give you \$25 for every quarter of a mile of writing that I accept."

"Twenty-five dollars for a quarter of a mile?" repeated the would-be contribu-tor, astounded with surprise.

"Yes, and that is a very good rate for an unknown writer like yourself. We pay all the way from \$100 to \$1,000 a mile for the work of the most noted writers, and I have paid a famous poet at the rate of \$40,000 a mile for a great poem which he wrote at my order. That is an exceptionally high price, though."

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Unusual Inducements.

The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company has concluded, in order to introduce its new tea to the public during the holidays, only to give a handsome cup, or a beautiful cup and saucer, to every purchaser who buys a pound of their infallible baking powder. Fresh coffees received every other day and are ground while the customer is waiting, when desired. Connoisseurs of tea, who are looking for a tea which should not fail to try their elegant \$0.50, \$0.75 and \$1 grades; they are just splendid.

This extensive tea and coffee firm has 225 stores in the United States, with headquarters at 35 and 37 Vesey street, New York. Do not forget their very fine aromatic Java and Mocha coffee at the finest in the market. Their Atlantic and Pacific Coast coffee stores in this city can be found at 303 Seventh street, 1020 Fourteenth street and their Georgetown branch at 3104 M street northwest. Also they have stands in all the principal markets. They will also present a superb panel to every cash buyer of tea or coffee.

Girard and the Cask of Nails.

A man who had just set up in the hardware business, and who had been a clerk where the eccentric millionaire Stephen Girard had been in the habit of trading, applied to him for a share of his patronage. Girard bought of him, but when the bill was sent in found fault and marked down the prices. "Cask of nails," he growled, "which I was offered for so low, and you must take back, you cannot do it with your merchant."

"But you must do it," urged Girard.

"I cannot and will not," was the final reply. Girard bolted out, apparently in a rage, but soon after sent a check for the whole bill. The young man began to relent and say to himself: "Perhaps he was offered a bad bill, but that price is all right. I can earn all the profit and get it out of him on something else. His trade would have been worth a great deal to me." By and by Girard came again and gave him another order. The young man was very courteous and said he was almost sorry he did not reduce the former bill. "Reduce it still more," exclaimed Girard. "Had you done it I would never have traded with you again. I must insist to see if you had cheated me." (Detroit Free Press.)

## A Triple Alliance.

Unhappily for the wretched victim of their assults, dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness are faithful allies. When one of these foes attack the system, the other two speedily follow in its wake, and successively make their onslaught. Successively, but not successfully, if Hostetter's Stomach Bitters are used to repel the onset. The Bitters as easily expel them as the wind. As St. George is depicted in the act of doing the dragon in the steel vignette upon the glass bottles which contain the medicine. Their flight, like their advance, is nearly simultaneous. Their mutual destruction, they precipitately retreat, leaving health master of the position and strongly entrenched by the Bitters. This grand fortress is also a reliable bulwark against the attacks of rheumatism, and stops the approach of rheumatism. It moreover relieves nervous complaints, and imparts vigor to the weak.

The daughter of Senator Mitchell has written a recipe for corn-dodgers. The best corn-dodger is the man who wears his boots off other folk's feet. (Detroit Free Press.)

Tubac, a small town in Pima County, Ariz., claims to be the oldest settlement in the United States. Its town records extend back to 1759.

## G.M.D.

Thoroughly cleanse the blood, by using Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and good digestion, a fair skin, buoyant spirits, strength and health will be established.

Golden Medical Discovery cures all intestinal diseases, including piles, rectal erosion, to the worst, scrofula, or blood-poison. Especially has it proven its efficacy in curing Salt-rheum or Tetter, Fever-sore, Ulcers, Sciatica, Disease of the Liver, Swellings, Enlarged Glands and Ebbing Ulcers.

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## THE PRINCESS DE SOLMS.

A Lady Whom an American Minister Gallantly Befriended.

Editor CRITIC: I observe in the letter of Mr. Carpenter of December 10 the following account of John W. Daniel, United States Senator:

"He comes of one of the oldest families of the State, and his relatives have been prominent men since the beginning of the country. His father was a Judge. Travers Daniel was Attorney-General of Virginia and was one of its most noted orators. John Reeves Daniel was Attorney-General of North Carolina, and Peter Vivian Daniel, who studied law in the office of Edmund Randolph, previously a member of Washington's Cabinet, was a Judge on the Supreme Bench, and was a personal friend of Andrew Jackson. John Monroe Daniel was one of the noted editors of the South years ago, and he was one of the men who lent Edgar A. Poe money when he was in want. He was appointed Minister to San Domingo by Buchanan, and while there it is said that he created a scandal by taking to one of several balls a countess who had been invited.

Although the above is well meant, a censorious public are too apt to remember a "chinted hull." I would, therefore, consider it a favor if you will make the correction by publishing the following authentic account of said affair as given in the biography of John M. Daniel by Judge Robert W. Hughes.

"The original of the female portrait on ivory, which he kept on his mantelpiece, was not a secret to his intimate friends; at least it was not so to me. It was the portrait of the Princess de Solms. He took a prominent part in her behalf, and secured the services of George Engelhardt, and advised this gentleman, pointed by herself, in acknowledging the title of the story is this: Count Courvoisier, for political reasons, wished to exclude the lady from the court circle. The King himself had no such wish. Aware of the latter fact, the American Minister assumed the rôle of royal ambassador, and took the lady to court. The Premier complained to General Cass at Washington. Our cautious old President, Mr. Buchanan, was disposed to recall the Minister, but General Cass and Governor Floyd obtained a full statement of facts, which entirely exonerated the Minister, and the affair was quieted at once. The lady afterward herself achieved another triumph, which I need not more than allude to." —T. CUSHING DANIEL, JR.

Washington, Dec. 15.

## A Card To The Public.

To give all an opportunity of inspecting our unique Christmas stock, we will keep open evenings from this date until the 25th instant inclusive.

ALEX. MILNE,

Fine furniture and decorations.

Another Stabbing Affray.

Thomas Kane, a colored boy, got into a fight with an unknown colored man yesterday evening on Third and L street, during which he was stabbed in the lower portion of the right breast. Kane was removed to Freedman's Hospital, where it was stated the wound would probably prove fatal. The police could not learn the cause of the fight or the name of the assailant.

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